

Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 11/19/2020 – 11/24/2020	Mission #: 20-0265	Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties
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General Situation/Overview:

On January 21, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and in Washington State. As of 3/19/2020 a 24, 48, 72-hour planning projection of the response is being done daily. Friday's planning projection will encompass Saturday and Sunday, then resume normal planning projections on Monday.

Benton and Franklin County At-A-Glance

Total Case Count 11/24/2020	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	7506	6082
Deaths**	134	64

*Confirmed: positive test result. **Deaths: BFHD defined a COVID-19 death as someone who died with COVID-19 as their primary cause of death

City Case Count 11/24/2020	April OFM Population	# of Cases
Pasco	77,100	5357
Mesa	495	154
Connell	5,500	411
Kahlotus	165	<10
Eltopia	-	76
Kennewick	84,960	4364
Richland	58,550	1719
West Richland	15,710	453
Benton City	3,560	298
Prosser	6220	552
Plymouth	-	20
Paterson	-	14
Not Specified	-	164

Current Hospital Status 11/24/2020 M-F		COVID Like Illness = CLI	
	# Hospitalized Patients	# COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI	% COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI
Current hospitalized patients	371	44	11.9

Case Locations of Interest 11/24/20
of Cases

Long Term Care Residents and Staff	623
Please visit Washington State Department of Corrections site for current case counts at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center. (https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm)	

OPERATIONS SECTION:

OUTBREAK MITIGATION & DATA: Identify the COVID-19 spread, including clusters; track any lab confirmed cases and determine potential exposures. Identify the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care and community living facilities and provide infection control guidance and resources to those facilities. Input data from Epi into existing systems; WDRS and Redcap surveys.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over the weekend Benton and Franklin County had 595 positive cases (Friday, Sat, Sunday) and the state as a whole had over 6,000 cases. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the increase in cases and an increase in testing the state's disease reporting system is having trouble handling the large volume of records and has asked the state labs to stop sending individual negative test results and to only report aggregate negative test results. Click here for full story. https://www.doh.wa.gov/Newsroom/Articles/ID/2474/Department-of-Health-temporarily-pauses-reporting-of-negative-COVID-19-test-results 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coyote Ridge Correction facility is having another outbreak at the facility, BFHD outbreak team conducted a site visit at the facility on Monday 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak as described in the 10/1/20 Washington Outbreak report – click link below for report https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/StatewideCOVID-19OutbreakReport.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Business Community – 21 with 48 pending investigations Long Term Care Facilities – 14 with no pending investigations HealthCare Settings – 13 with 4 pending investigations Childcare Settings – 0 Schools – 4 with 3 pending investigations 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID Vaccine planning workgroup, comprised of representatives from BHFD, Hospitals, and Emergency Management meet on Mondays to discuss plans for equitable vaccine dissemination in the Benton Franklin area once the vaccine has been released. Washington state DOH has a COVID Vaccine plan you can access the Washington Interim COVID Vaccination plan here https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/WA-COVID-19-Vaccination-Plan.pdf You can also find helpful information on the COVID Vaccine from CDC website https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD Continues to have weekly calls with the school districts - There have been several reports from schools on individuals (student/staff) who are COVID positive and have been in class or at school, BFHD and the schools are working closely to determine if there are any “outbreaks” as defined by DOH: 1. Two or more laboratory positive (PCR) COVID-19 cases, AND 2. At least two of the cases have symptom onset dates within 14 days of each other, AND 3. Plausible epidemiological evidence of transmission in a shared location other than a household is observed Visit each individual school district website for current information on hybrid learning schedules, safety plans and COVID-19 Activity Dashboards Dr. Amy Person, BFHD Health Officer has issued a letter to the school districts on 11/19/20 with additional recommendations a copy of the letter can be found here https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_10765972/File/BFHD%20Health%20Officer%20Update%20to%20Schools%20Nov.%2019%202020.pdf 	
CONTACT TRACING & CARE COORDINATION:	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Care Coordination team connects people in Isolation or quarantine to the services they need to stay isolated. This may be providing a Walgreens Hygiene kit or a Kroger Food box or connecting them with rent assistance, grocery or prescription delivery or other services. With the increasing case count Care Coordination is averaging about over 30 case referrals per day. BFHD/Care Coordination Team has partnered with Yakima Valley Farm Workers who has agreed to take up to 20 household referrals a day to ensure that all those who need services can be reached on a daily basis
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Additional Walgreens Hygiene kits and Kroger food boxes will be delivered next week, in the interim Spokane Regional Health District has graciously agreed to share a portion of their Walgreen hygiene kits to bridge the gap until the additional BFHD supply is received.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Contact Tracing team has been busier than usual as it appears, due to the large increase in cases which translates into more workload for the contact tracers and for all other teams as well
<ul style="list-style-type: none">BFHD team leads met with DOH to discuss measure to streamline contact tracing
COMMUNITY TESTING:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">To date, the National Guard at the HAPO Center testing site has administered *18,950 COVID tests. Testing numbers are as follows: Thursday 11/19- 187, Friday 11/20, 250, Tuesday 11/24 171 *this total includes #'s from when Toyota Center test site was operational as well)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">HAPO Test Site Hours of Operations –Tuesday - Friday from 7:00am- 3:00pmThe HAPO test site will be CLOSED in Observance of Thanksgiving on Nov 25th and 26th
<ul style="list-style-type: none">CBC-West Test Site: To date the site has administered 19,796 COVID tests and provided 176 “Everlywell” home test kits. Testing numbers this week are as follows: Thursday 11/19 -811 (+125 “Everlywell” home test kits) , Friday 11/20 – 753 (+ 51 “Everlywell” home test kits) , Saturday 11/21 -774, Sunday 11/22- 774, Monday 11/23 – 884, Tuesday 11/24-697
<ul style="list-style-type: none">CBC-West Test Site is now open 7 days a week Monday -Sunday from 8:30am to 4:00pm - pre-registration makes for a faster experience at the test site – however you may still have to wait in line until you reach the point where the site breaks into lanes, please be patient. Click the link to be taken to the registration page www.wacovid19.org/tricitiestesting
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The CBC-West crew did an on-site testing event today at WSU Tri-Cities and did a total of 47 tests at the event
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Positivity rate for the CBC West Test Site is 15.65% and the positivity rate for the HAPO test Site is 12.94%
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A COVID testing plan is being created for the Franklin County Jail along with plans for flu vaccine administration
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pacific Northwest Laboratory (the lab used for test administered at the HAPO site) had an issue with the tests sent on 11/17 which has caused a delay in the reporting of results. The issue has been corrected and results are being sent to BFHD
COMMUNITY RELATIONS / PUBLIC INFORMATION: Keep our community informed and educated; providing accurate information. Maintain our call center and website; providing updated information. Develop and maintain media products for the weekly press conference.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Call center received 330 calls last week, a large percentage of the phone calls were related to COVID testing. A new message has been pre-recorded to provide information on testing in hopes of alleviating the large volume of calls daily
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Click here for the latest Labor and Industry COVID Safety Workplace Violations and the fines levied on business across Washington for non-compliance https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADLI/bulletins/2ad931f
<ul style="list-style-type: none">BFHD held a news conference on Friday 11/20 with local hospitals to talk about the status of COVID in our community, you can view the conference on the BFHD Facebook Page
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Governor Inslee held a press conference today 11/24 to discuss Hospitals and the potential for having to make “hard choices” as it relates to healthcare availability if we do not get the increase in the virus under control and “bend the

<p>curve down” press conferences can be viewed at https://www.tvw.org/watch/?clientID=9375922947&eventID=2020111102</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data team is still working on gathering information on cases and outbreaks by industry setting for our area – click for a link to the state outbreak report which has a breakdown by entity for the state
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD updates Website Twitter and Facebook daily

LOGISTICS:

PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of PPE vendors the state uses to procure PPE items https://des.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/documents/ContractingPurchasing/covid19/Vendors.pdf
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are curious to know how much PPE each county has received from the state you can find that information here https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/personal-protective-equipment/tracking-ppe-distribution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply both the HAPO Testing Site and CBC-West Testing Site with PPE as needed/requested
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply the school districts/schools with emergency PPE supplies. Emergency Management can provide small amounts of PPE on an as needed emergency basis for schools. School Districts should coordinate long term PPE needs/projections with ESD123
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder entities should only be requesting assistance for those supplies they are unable to procure for themselves. PPE requests from Hospitals/EMS/Law Enforcement/Clinics/LTC/Dentists need to be sent to their respective Emergency Management no later than 10:00am every Friday or as circumstances dictate – a weekly request will be made to the state every Friday for delivery of supplies the following week. Benton – d.davis@bces.wa.gov Franklin – sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us

DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:

RECURRING ACTIVITIES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday Planning meeting at 4:00pm – Planning Meeting via ZOOM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissemination of BFHD weekly Incident Action Plan released Tuesday’s by 5:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday at 1:00pm – Region 8 Healthcare and partners call
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every other Tuesday at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call – next meetings are December 1st and December 15th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unified Situational Report (SitRep) dissemination once weekly - Wednesday only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday at 10:30am - Local Hospital/Clinic/EMS/EM coordination call via ZOOM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every other Wednesday at 1:30pm – Call with local agricultural partners. This call has ended. It will be restarted next year prior to the growing season. Ag partners will be kept engaged via email through the winter. The BFHD Outreach team participates in an Agriculture call hosted by Yakima Health District, hosted the third Friday of every month.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every other Wednesday at 1:00pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555# the next meeting will be November 25th and December 9th

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday at 11:30am - Coordination call with the WA State EOC, 1-877-820-7831, password 782831# - State SitRep is not produced on the weekends it will be sent M-F only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every other Thursday at 1:30 - Municipality Advisory Council – next meeting is December 10th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every other Wednesday at 2:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies
<u>FUTURE OPERATIONS:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID vaccine planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue planning efforts in preparation for when the governor releases restrictions on movements between the phases of the safe start plan. Planning for a Phase 3 request for our area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flu vaccination - communicating the importance of receiving a flu shot this year
<u>CURRENT RISKS:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rising case counts and an uptick in COVID hospitalizations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School re-opening across the two counties – monitoring for outbreaks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flu season and recognition of Flu vs. COVID
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holiday Season/ get together and the impact on COVID disease rate in our community

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:

- Benton-Franklin Health District- All News: <https://www.bfhd.wa.gov>
- Washington State Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- REDI Healthcare Coalition: <https://srhd.org/programs-and-services/hcc/eei->

DISTRIBUTED TO:

Local Health Jurisdiction: Management Team, EOC/ECC Staff, all BFHD Staff
Region 8: Local Emergency Response Coordinators, Emergency Management agencies, healthcare partners, Fire/EMS agencies
WA State: Regional Emergency Response Coordinators, DOH Duty Officer
Eastern WA: REDi Coalition Duty Officer
Cross Boarder: Oregon Regions 6 and 9 Liaisons